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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION DEVELOPMENT FUND
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a separate rural electrification development fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the fund has been utilized during this year so far and the plan for further utilization?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : There is no separate Rural Electrification Development Fund for ruralelectrification programme. Rural Electrification Schemes are formulated and implemented by the State Governments/State Electricity Boards out of State Plan fundsHowever, Additional Central Assistance (ACA) is being provided by the Central Government to the States for rural electrification programme.

During 2002-03, the following funds have been allocated as ACA to carry out the rural electrification works :

(i) Under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) - Rs.600 crores.

(ii) Under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) − Rs.2747 crores for all thesix components of PMGY including Rural Electrification as Additional CentralAssistance. The State Governments have to make interse allocation of funds for rural electrification depending upon their priorities.

(iii) An Outlay of Rs.164 crores has been provided under a new Interest SubsidyScheme called Accelerated Rural Electrification Programme (AREP).

(iv) Funds under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) are also released tothe States through NABARD for rural electrification works.

(v) 100% grant is available for providing single light point connections to the rural families living below poverty line. This grant is routed through Rural ElectrificationCorporation (REC) and Rs.100 crores have been provided for the year 2002-03 for KutirJyoti Programme.

(vi) REC also supplements the resources of the State Governments and provides financial assistance to the States for augmenting the system Improvement Schemes and Load Intensification.